intermediates was concocted/tailored by the BICP and his- Ministry and poor TB patients have been looted;

(c) what is the import price and indigenous price of Rifa-s and Rifa-sv and what is the actual ratio of imports, from the date price was fixed; and

(d) how many producers have violated this ratio and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Availability of Rifampicin from the indigenous manufacturers is adequate to meet the domestic requirement and its price is fixed/revised under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995, based on cost-cum-techno economic study.

(c) and (d) For domestic requirement of Rifampicin, imports of intermediates, namely, Rifa-s and Rifa-sv, are not being permitted at present.

Fertilizers under Government control

632. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the fertilizers which are under the price distribution and movement control of the Central Government;

(b) what is the Maximum Retail Price (MRP);

(c) which are decontrolled fertilizers and chemicals with their MRP; and

(d) which of the fertilizers are subsidised; with percentage of subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Urea is the only fertilizer which is at present statutorily covered under price, distribution and movement control. Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea statutorily notified at

present is Rs. 4600 per tonne exclusive of the Central Sales Tax, the State Sales Tax and other local taxes wherever levied.

(c) As the chemicals are decontrolled, the Government does not fix their sale prices. The MRPs of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, covered under the Concession Scheme, are indicated by the Union Government. The MRPs of Single Super Phosphates are indicated by the respective State Governments. Indicative MRPs of the decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers at present are as follows:

Name of the fertilizers	Indicative MRPs (Rs. per tonne)
Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP)	8900
Muriate of Potash (MOP)	4255
Complexes	
10:26:26	7880
12:32:16	7960
14:28:14	7820
14:35:14	8100
15:15:15	6620
16:20:0	6740
17:17:17	7680
19:19:19	7840
20:20:0	6880
23:23:0	7540
28:28:0	8520

(d) Urea, being the only fertilizer under price, distribution and movement control, is covered under Retention Price-cum Subsidy Scheme and is eligible for payment for subsidy under the scheme. Besides, Government provides concession on de-controlled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers. At present, percentage of subsidy/ concession on urea/de-controlled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers w.r.t. MRP/indicative MRPs and the weighted average retention

price of urea as on 5.11.2001 and final rates of concession for decontrolled fertilizers for the quarter July to September, 2001 is approximately 47% for urea, 29% for indigenous DAP, 16% for imported DAP, 43% for MOP and ranges between 23% to 29% in case of complex fertilizers.

Demand and supply of N.P.K. and D.A.P.

†633. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current position of total demand and supply on N.P.K. and D.A.P. fertilizers in the country;

(b) whether there have been any gaps in the demand and supply of fertilizers during each of the last three years; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) NPK and Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertilizers are decontrolled fertilizers and their availability is dependent on market forces of demand and supply. However, the Government monitors the availability of DAP, being major source of phosphate nutrient. The position of demand and supply of DAP in the country during 2001-02 is as follows:—

(lakh MTs)

Seasons	Assessed demand	Supply/availability
Kharif 2001	33.84	36.31 .
Rabi 2001-02	41.11	13.89 (upto 31.10.2001)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.